

## House Resolution 1923

By: Representatives Taylor of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Morgan of the 39<sup>th</sup>, Ashe of the 56<sup>th</sup>, Gardner of the 57<sup>th</sup>, and Smyre of the 132<sup>nd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Tharon L. Johnson on being named Campaign Manager  
2 of the Year by the American Association of Political Consultants; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Tharon L. Johnson has long been recognized for his expertise in the field  
4 of politics and elections and has been recognized as Campaign Manager of the Year by the  
5 American Association of Political Consultants; and

6 WHEREAS, born in Atlanta, Georgia, and raised in Athens, Mr. Johnson earned a bachelor's  
7 degree in history from Clark Atlanta University and has worked on numerous successful  
8 political campaigns; and

9 WHEREAS, he served as deputy chief of staff for Congressman John Barrow, where he  
10 supervised district staff, served as a local representative for the congressman, and managed  
11 constituent issues; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson served as district director for Congressman John Lewis, ran the  
13 congressman's reelection campaign in 2008, and was appointed to the executive committee  
14 of the Democratic Party of Georgia, helping the party declare victory in two difficult  
15 congressional elections; and

16 WHEREAS, he most recently devoted his time, talents, and energy to Kasim Reed for  
17 Mayor, Inc., diligently and conscientiously serving as campaign manager, and developing  
18 and implementing an election strategy that resulted in the biggest come from behind victory  
19 in Atlanta's history; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson currently serves as senior advisor to Atlanta's mayor, Kasim Reed,  
21 where he advises the mayor on external and internal issues related to the operations of the  
22 City of Atlanta and on policy and legislative matters; and

23 WHEREAS, in addition to his extensive work on political campaigns, Mr. Johnson is  
24 involved with numerous community organizations, including Involvement Through News  
25 and Civics, Red Clay Democrats, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades, such  
27 as the Unsung Hero Award from Clark Atlanta University, and was named one of  
28 MetroMix.com's People to Watch in 2009; and

29 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of  
30 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
32 the members of this body recognize Mr. Tharon L. Johnson for his diligent, effective, and  
33 dedicated service to political candidates and the democratic system and commend him for  
34 being honored as Campaign Manager of the Year.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Tharon L. Johnson.